



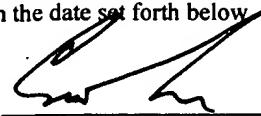
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Title : CYANOBACTERIAL NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS ENCODING
PROTEINS USEFUL FOR CONTROLLING PLANT TRAITS VIA
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (copy enclosed) in this application, which was mailed on August 22, 2001. Applicant submits herewith a proper Declaration executed by each inventor and substitute drawings for the above patent application.

Enclosed is a check payment in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

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